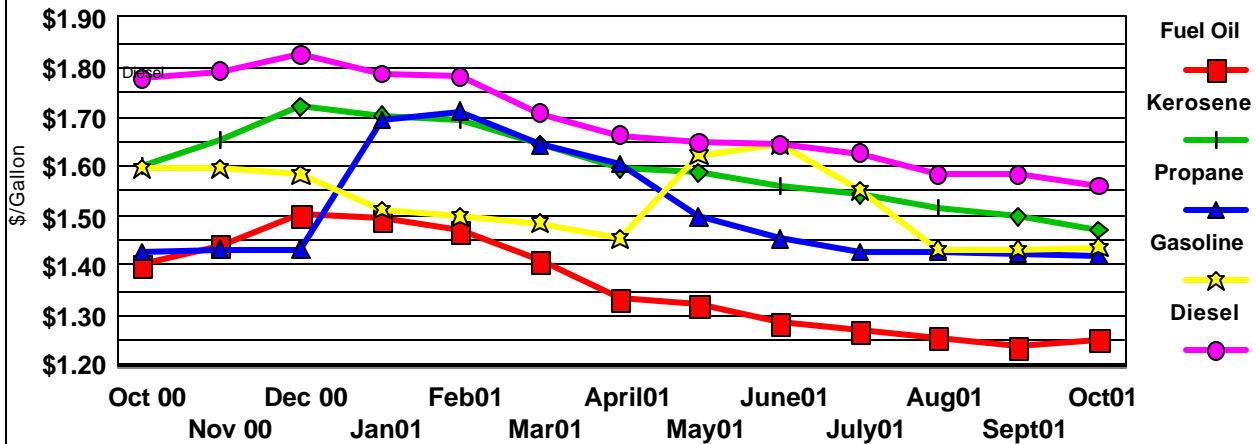


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Vermont Picture

One Year Price Trend



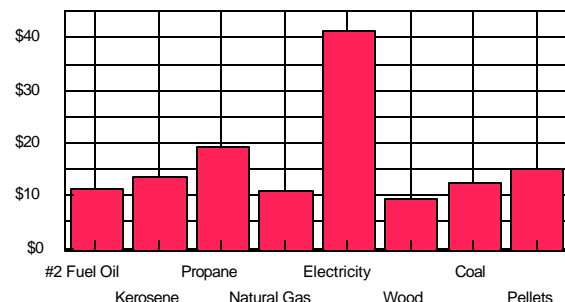
Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

	Oct01	Sept01	%change	Oct 00	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$1.25	\$1.24	1.0%	\$1.40	-10.9%
Kerosene	\$1.47	\$1.50	-1.6%	\$1.60	-8.0%
Propane	\$1.42	\$1.42	-0.1%	\$1.43	-0.4%
Unleaded Gasoline	\$1.44	\$1.43	0.1%	\$1.59	-10.0%
Diesel	\$1.56	\$1.58	-1.4%	\$1.78	-12.2%

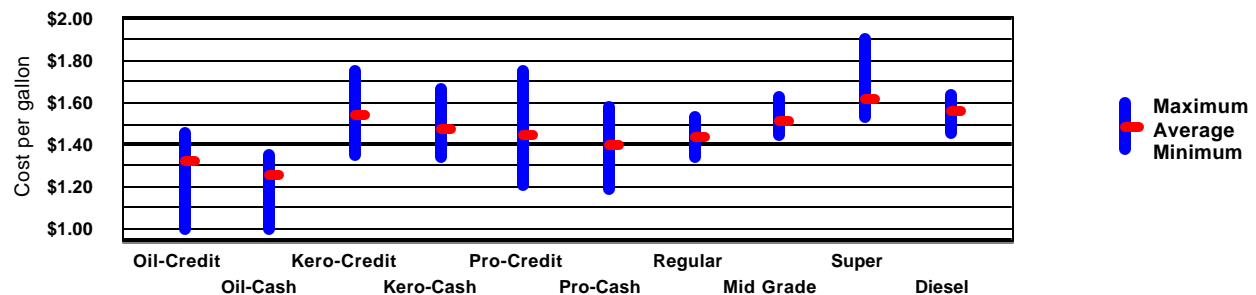
Comparing the Cost of Heating Fuels

Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$1.250	\$11.31
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$1.474	\$13.49
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$1.421	\$19.40
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$0.868	\$10.85
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.141	\$41.39
Wood, cord	22,000,000	60%	\$125.00	\$9.47
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$182.00	\$12.64
Pellets, ton	16,000,000	75%	\$181.00	\$15.08

Cost per 1 Million BTU



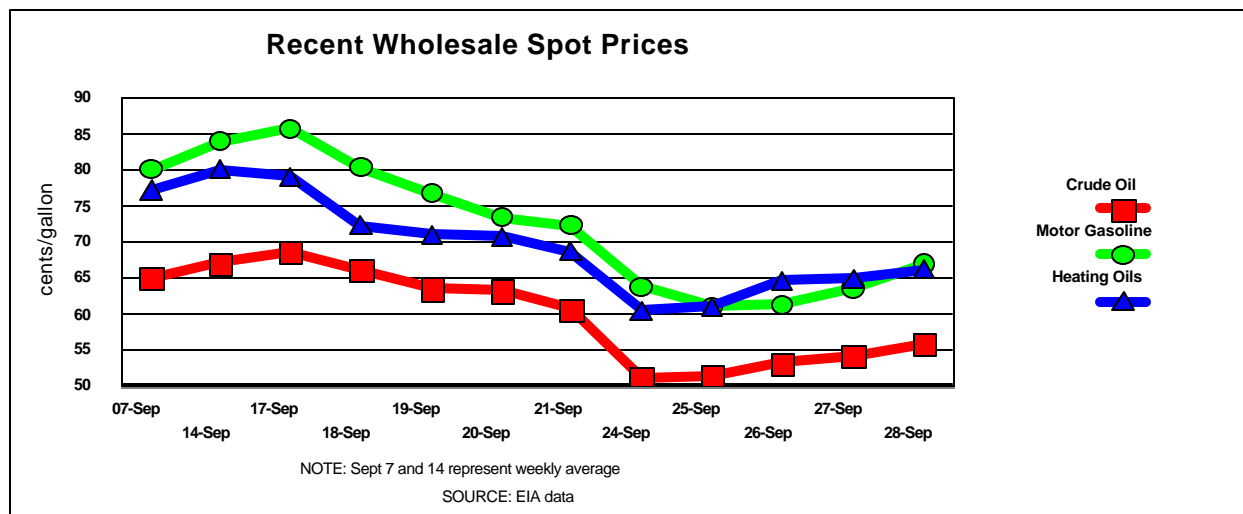
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Market Snapshot



The chart above illustrates the volatility of the market after the tragedies of September 11. Initial speculation on a possible shortage drove the price up. Subsequent anticipation of reduced demand due to a contracting global economy have led to a price slump.

- C The national average retail price for regular gasoline for the week ending September 28 was \$1.415, down 6.9cents from the previous week and 10.8 cents from a year ago.
- C Diesel averaged \$1.390, down 8.3 cents from last week and 23.5 cents from a year ago.
- C The NYMEX November heating oil price was 62.6 cents/gal, down 34 % from a year ago.
- C Crude oil prices have fallen 21 percent since Sept. 11, down 31% from a year ago.

The decline in prices is a matter of concern to the oil producing nations. Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said last week that he expected OPEC to move swiftly to prop up oil prices with more output curbs, despite signs of economic recession. The OPEC market basket price has been below their target price of \$22/bbl for the last seven days. This may trigger an “automatic” 0.5mmb/day quota reduction. The impact of this action is uncertain, since other oil producers are committed to maintaining fuel supplies.

Two factors may increase the price of crude in the near term, a potential supply disruption in the Middle East in response to US military action if it occurs, and a possible cut-back in legitimate Iraqi exports during renegotiation of the UN-sponsored “oil-for-food” agreement. At this point in time it may not even be safe to predict price volatility for the coming months.

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